THE Bow-mans Glory; OR, ARCHERY REVIVED.

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An Account of the many signal Favours vouchsafed to Archers and Archery by those Renowned Monarchs,

KING { *HENRY* VIII. *JAMES*, And *CHARLES* I.

As by their several gracious Commissions here recited may appear.

With a brief Relation of the Manner of the Archers marching on several days of Solemnity.

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To the most

POTENT MONARCH

CHARLES II.

KING

OF

England, Scotland, France and *Ireland*, &c.

May it please your Majesty,

THE Credit and Esteem that *ARCHERT* hath always had amongst your

Royal Anceſtors, makes me preſume to Dedicate to your Majeſty this little Treatiſe, which was almoſt loſt in the Ruins of Time, as well as the Subject Matter of it. I muſt confeſs indeed, that this Art or Exerciſe holds not the ſame Rank and Place in Military Diſcipline, that it did before the Invention of Guns; but yet to aſſign it none at all, were to reflect upon the Prudence and Conſideration of thoſe Laws that have ſince that Time been made for its Encouragement.

And methinks that the many Victories which our Kingdom

dom (famous for their Bows) owes to that sort of Arms, may at least recommend the Exercise to us, though it be but in Sport and Triumph. Besides, we are sure the Labour will not be wholly lost (if there were no Pleasure in it) it being (it may be) one of the most wholsom and manly Recreations us'd in this Nation, and Conduces as much, or more than other, both to the Preservation of Health, and the Improvement of Strength. But I fear I am unmannerly, your Majesty knows better than any body else, both the Usefulness and Pleasure of the Bow; and

we were unjuſt to diſtruſt your Countenancing it. Long may we live under the Government of ſo good a Prince, and may this, and all other worthy Exerciſes, fit and qualifie your Majeſties Subjects to Defend your Crown and Dignity. This is the Prayer of

Your Majeſties moſt
Humble and Dutiful
Subject and Servant,

William Wood.

To the Honourable,

Sir *John Ernley* Knight, one of his Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, and one of the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſties Treaſury, Sir *Edward Hungerford*, Knight of the *Bath*, Sir *Gilbert Talbot* Knight, and Sir *Joſeph Williamſon* Knight.

FOR *me that am ſo Unlearned and Ignorant, to ſpeak of the Antiquity and Worth of Archery,*

were a great weakneſs; for I find it to be almoſt as old as Adam: *For in Holy Writ,* Gen. 21. 20. *it is ſaid,* That God was with *Iſhmael*, and he became an Archer. *And for the fierceneſs of the Bow and Arrow, Gods Vengeance is ſometime in Scripture compared to it. But to come nearer home, and to ſpeak of one or two of thoſe great Victories that have been obtained againſt the Enemies of* England *by Archers. As for Inſtance; firſt, the Battel of* Creſſy *in* France, *in the Reign of* Edward *the Third, where he himſelf in Perſon, with the Black Prince his Son, with*

with an Army of Ten thousand Archers, overthrew and vanquished his Enemy, Philip *King of* France, *and his Army, consisting of near One hundred thousand Men; in which Battel were Thirty thousand slain: See the Story more at large in* Baker's Chronicle, pag. 124, *and* 125. *But this is not all the harm that* Archery *hath done to our Enemies, nor honour it hath won to our selves; for in the Year* 1415. *in the Reign of* Henry *the Fifth, there was at* Agincourt, *in the Territories of* France, *such a Victory obtained, over the French, by the help of the* Archers, *that can scarce, if ever,*

ever, be parallel'd in any Histo-ry; where a considerable Number of Archers, under the Command of Sir William Orpington, *who with an Ambush of no more than Two hundred* Archers, *gave the first Onset, (which take in Sir* Rich. Baker's *own words,)* Causing the Bow-men to let fly their Arrows, which so gawled the French Horse, that either they cast their Riders, or through their unrulineſs so opened their Ranks, that the right Wing of the Engliſh Horſe had way to come in upon the French Foot. The Engliſh Army being in Number not above Nine thouſand, and

and the French ſix times, nay, ſome ſay ten times as many in Number. The Number of the French ſlain was above Ten thouſand, whereof One hundred twenty ſix were of the Nobility bearing Banners; of Knights and Gentlemen Seven thouſand eight hundred ſeventy four; and of Common Souldiers about One thouſand ſix hundred, with a very ſmall damage to the Engliſh; *as may be ſeen at large*, pag. 175. *in Sir* Richard Baker.

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It were endless to recount what great Battels have been obtained by the help of the Archers, *and what high Esteem the Turks have of it to this day, I'le refer you to Travellers and Historians; more particularly to that Ingenious Book of Sir* Paul Rycaut, *in his* History of the Turks: *and 'tis much to be lamented, that those Weapons by which our Ancestors gain'd so much Renown, should now be almost totally laid aside, save only by your Honours, and those Gentlemen that use it for their Health and Recreation. But we hope this drawing forth may be a means to increase and add*

add to the Number of thoſe that love Archery; *which is the hearty Deſire, and Prayer of,*

Gentlemen,

Your moſt humble

and obedient

Servant,

William Wood.

In Praiſe of Archery.

BRave Archery, what Rapture ſhall I raiſe
In giving thee thy merit, and due praiſe?
Divine thou art, as from the Gods begot:
Apollo with an Arrow *Python* Shot,
And *Cupid*, the fair *Venus* ſon, we know,
Is always figur'd with his Shafts and Bow.
The chaſt *Diana* with her Nymphs in chaſe,
Will with no other Arms their ſhoulders grace.
A mighty Bow the great *Alcides* drew,
When he (to ſave his Bride) the *Centaur* ſlew.
It is the powerful Hand of Heaven that bends
The all-colour'd Rainbow that ſo far extends:
Before the Tormentary art was found,
The jarring ſtring, did make the dreadfull'ſt ſound.
And that invulner'd *Greek* unſcar'd, by ſteel
Was ſhot, and ſlain by *Paris* in the heel.
The naked *Indian* doth no Armor lack,
His Bow being bent, and Quiver at his back.
And the wild *Tartar* doth no danger fear,
His Arrow nocht, & String drawn to his Ear.

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The *Parthian* in this practise hath such skill,
That when he flies, he can Shoot back & kill.
For us; what forraign Chronicles, but sing
Our Honours purchast by the Gray-goose wing?
Brave *Cordelion* with feathered Band
Beat the proud *Sultan* from the *Holy-land*.
And what an Honour did the Black Prince gain
When He with English Archers conquered *Spain!*
So Ancient, so Divine, so Nobly fam'd
(Yet for the Bodie's health there's nothing nam'd)
It is an Exercise (by proof) we see
Whose practice doth with nature best agree.
Obstructions of the Liver it prevents,
Stretching the Nerves and Arteries, gives extents
To the Spleens oppilations, clears the Brest
And spungy Lungs: It is a Foe profest
To all Consumptions: More what need I name?
The State approves it for a Lawfull game.
What won our Honour, is now made our Sport,
Witness *Poictiers*, *Cressy*, and *Agincourt*.

THE PATENT OF King *HENRY* VIII. Concerning ARCHERIE.

HENRY the Eight by the Grace of God King of England and of France, Defendour of the Fayth, Lorde of Irelond, and in Erthe Supreme Hede of the Churche of Englond, To all Judges, Justyces, Mayres, Sherysfys, Baylyffys, Counstables, and other our Offycers, Mynysters, and Subgyettys, aswell wythyn the Lybertyes as wythout thyes oure Letters heryng or seyng, Gretyng,

We let yowe wyte, That of our Grace especyall, certeyn scyence, and mere mocyon, We have graunted and licencyd, and by thyes Presentys doo graunte and licence for vs and our Heyres, asmoche as yn vs ys, vnto our trusty and welbeloued Servauntys and Subgyettys Sir Crystofer Morres Knyght, Mayster of oure Ordenauncys, Anthony Knevett and Peter Mewtes Gentlemen of oure prevy Chambre, Overseers of the Fraternytye or Guylde of Saynt George; And that they, and every of them, shalbe Ouerseers of the Scyence of Artyllary, that ys, to wyt, for Longbowes, Crosbowes and Handgonnes, &c. which Syr Crystofer Morres, Cornelys Johnson, Anthony Antony, and Henry Johnson, that they and euery of them shalbe Maysters and Rulers of the saved Scyence of Artyllary, as afore ys rehercyd, for Longbowes, Crosbowes, & Handgonnes, which Syr Crystofer Cornelys, Anthony and Henry, we by thyes Presentys do ordeign, make, and conferme foure Maysters and Rulers of the sayed Fellyshyp of Artyllery for euer, duryng theyr lyves: And that the sayed Maysters and Rulers, and theyr Successours, Maysters and Rulers, alwayes beyng foure of oure Seruauntes, Englyshemen or Denysens, maye begyn, founde, edefye, make, ordeygn, gadre, knytte

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and eſtabliſſhe a certeyn perpetuall Fraternytye of Saynt George, and that they maye haue full power and auctorytye to chose accept, take, and admytte vnto theyr sayed Fraternytye or Guylde Almaner, honeste parsonnes whatsoeuer they be, aswell beyng oure Servaintys and Subgiettys as Straungyers, Denysens or not Denysens, at theyr lybertyes. And that the sayed Wayſters and Rulers, and suche Bzethern as they shall electe, admytte, take and accepte to them, shall yn thyng and name be oon bodye and Commynaltye Corporate, havyng succeſſyon perpetually by the name of Wayſters and Rulers and Commynaltye of the Fraternitye or Guylde of Artyllary of Long-bowes, Crol-bowes, & Hand-gonnes: And theſame four Wayſters, Rulers and Bzethern, and theyr Succeſſours, we yncorporate and make oon Bodye by theys Pzeſentys; And that the sayed Wayſters and Rulers and Commynaltye, and theyr Succeſſours, shall ymplede and be ymplede by the name of Wayſters and Rulers of the sayed Bzetherhed or Guylde; And also shall haue power and auctozytye to chose and elect among themſelfys, wyth theyr aſſyſtence, foure vndze Wayſters and Rulers of the same Fraternytye or Guylde, to ouerſee and governe the same Fraternytye from tyme to tyme, and to have the governaunce and cuſtodye

slodye of such Landes, Tenementys, Rentys, Possessions, Goodys and Catallys, as hereafter shall happen to be purchased, betwethed, gyven, graunted or assygned by any maner parson or parsons to sayed Fraternytye or Guylde: And they euery yere as yt shall best pleas them, shall mowe, ordeygne, and chose successyvely foure undre Maysters and Rulers, Englysshmen, Straungyers, Denysens or not Denysens, of good name and fame; And they, or any of them, yf nede requyre, to amove, put out, and discharge, and an other yn hys or theyr nam and place, as ofte as shall pleas them to name, put yn, electe and auctoryse by the counsayll of the four Maysters and Rulers, and theyr sayed Assystence. And furthermore, That the same Maysters and Rulers maye haue and use a Common Seale for all thynges and necessaryes belongyng to the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde. And that they may be of habylitye or capacitye yn the Law, to ymplede or be ympleded, aunswer and be aunswered before any Judge or Justice, spyrytuall or temporall, whatsoeuer they be, yn any Court or Courtes of thys our Realm; And yn all and syngular Accyons, Demaundes, Quarrellys, Plæs, Sutes reall or personall, lyke as all other oure Lygemen haue habylytye and capacytye. And furthermore, the sayed Maysters

sters and Rulers and Commynaltye of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde, amongys themselfys, shall or may haue full auctoryte and power to make, ordeygne and establysshe Lawes, Ordynauncys and Statutys for the good state, rule and governaunce of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde, for thencrease and good contynuaunce of the same, and suche Lawes, Statutys and Ordenaunces so made from tyme to tyme, as ofte as by them shalbe thought necessary and conuenient, to chaunce, and to transpose, or keap at theyr pleasure; And to put yn vse and execution wythoute hurte, challenge, greve or perturbaunce of us, oure Heyres or Successours, Offycers, Mynysters or Subgiettys, or theyr Heyres or Successours, whatsoeuer they be. And furthermore, That the sayed Maysster and Rulers and theyr Successours for the tyme beyng, haue full power and auctoryte to purchase Landys & Tenementys, and other Hereditaments whatsoeuer they be, which be not holdyn of us in Capite, To haue and to hold to the sayed Maysters, Rulers, and Commynaltye, and theyr Successours (the Statute of Mortmayn, or other Statute or Statutys, or any other thyng passed to the contrary notwithstandyng). And furthermore of oure habundaunce Grace, we haue

graunted, gyuen and lycencyd, and by thyse Presentys do gyue, graunte, and lycence vnto our forsayed welbeloued Servauntys, and to euery of them, and to all and euery theyr Successours, Maysters, Rulers, Commynaltye and Brethern of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde that for the tyme shalbe, aswell beyng oure Servauntys and Subgyettys, as also Straungyers, beyng Denysens or not Denysens, beyng of and yn the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde, for the better yncrease of the defense of thys oure Realme, and mayntenaunce of the Scyence or Feate of Shotyng yn Long-bowes, Crol-bowes and Hand-gonnes, that they, and euery of theyr Successours, honest parsonnes of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde, for theyr dysporte and passyme from tyme to tyme for euer hereafter and perpetually, may use and exercise the shotyng yn their Long-bowes, Crol-bowes and Hand-gonnes, at Almaner, Markys and Buttys, and of the Game of the Poppynaye, and other Game or Games, as at Fowle and Fowles, aswell yn oure Citye of London, the Suburbes of the same, as in all other places wheresoeuer yt be wythyn thys oure Realme of England, Ireland, Calyce, and our Marches of Wayles, and ellyswhere wythyn any of our Dominyons

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(oure Foxeftys, Chacys and Parks, without oure fpecyall Warrant, and the Game of the Heyzon and Feyfaunt withyn two myles of any of oure Manners, Caftellys, oz other placys where we fhall foztune to be oz lye foz the tyme onely excepted and refervyd) And alfo that the fayed Mayfters, and Rulers, and Bzethern, and their Succeffours, and euery particuler perfonne of them may reteigne and keap theyz fayed Long-bowes, Crof-bowes and Hand-gonnes yn theyz Houfes, Chambzes, and other places, and theyr Servauntys to bere the fame Crof-bowes and Hand-gonnes, when and as often as yt fhall lyke them, at theyz lybertye foz euer, without any damage, vaungyer, penaltye, loffe oz forfaicture to enfue vnto them, oz any of them, foz the fame. But neuertheleis the fayed Servauntes that fo fhall carry theyz Mayfters Crof-bowes oz Hand-gonnes, fhall not by vertue of thys oure Lycence, fhote yn the fayed Crof-bowes and Hand-gonnes at no maner of Fowle: And yn cafe be that any fuche Servaunt be takyn fhotyng at any Fowle with any Crof-bowe oz Hand-gonne, the fayed Offender fo takyn to forfacte the penaltie accozding to the Acte (thys Fraternitye oz Lycenfe notwithftanding:) And alfo that none other then the Fraternytye oz

Guylde aforesayed, shall wythyn any part of thys oure Realme or Dompnyon, keap any other Bretherhed or Guylde, oneles it be by lycence of the foresayed Maysters and Rulers of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde. And furthermore of oure more ample Grace by theys Presentys we do lycence the foresayed Maysters and Rulers, and Commynaltye of the sayed Fraternytye or Guilde, or any perticuler parsonne or parsonnes, and euery of them, to vse and weare any maner ynbrowdery, or any cognysaunce of sylver at hys or theyr lybertye, in theyr Gownes, Jackettys, Cootys, and Dublettys, and any maner of Silkys, as Velvet, Satten, and Damaske, (the Colours of Purple and Scarlet oonly excepted) yn theyr Gownes and Jackettys, and all and synguler Furres yn theyr Gownes or elswhere, not above Furres of Martirnes without renuying vnto any maner daungyer, forfeyture, lois or penaltye; Any Acte of Apparell, or any other Acte, Proclamacyon, thyng or matyer yn any wyse had, made, or gyven, or to be had, made, or gyven to the contrary notwithstondyng. And furthermore of our further Grace especyall, we haue lycencyd, and by theys Presentys doo lycence the foresayed Maysters and Rulers, and theyr sayed Succes-

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sours, for the tyme beyng, that they, nor any of them, shall from hensforth be enpanelled, or compelled to be upon any maner of Quest or Jurye, upon what matyer soeuer yt be withyn our Cytye of London, or other place withyn thys oure Realme. And ouerthis, we wott and graunte for vs, oure Heyres and Successours, to the sayed Maysters and Rulers and Commynaltye by thyes Presentys, that when and as often as the sayed Maysters and Rulers and Commynaltye, and theyr Successours, or any of them, shall vse, pronounce, and openly speke thys vsuall worde commonly vsed to be spoken before he or they shote, that is, to say this worde Faste. And after this worde spoken, yf yt shall happyn any parson or parsons, by the ouersight of any parson or parsons, ronnyng, passyng or goyng betweene any suche shoter, and the marke or place whereto any such Maysters and Rulers and Comynaltye, or any of them shall hereafter shoote, to be kylled or otherwyse hurt, so the same be a vsuall and a knowne marke set yn an open place, accustomed to be shote at, that then any such Mayster, Ruler, and Brother whatsoever, shall happyn not by that occasion be attached, arrested, ymprysoned, sued, vexed, troubled, or otherwyse ynquyetted, nor shall not be

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ympeched nor otherwyse molested or troubled for the same, nor shall not suffer death, nor lose any membre, or forfeicte any maner, good, landys, tenementys or hereditamentys, or any goodys, catellys, or other profyttys for the same; Any Acte, Statute, Proclamacyon, Prouysyon, or any other matyer or thynge yn any wyse had, made, giuen, proclamed or prouyded, or hereafter to be had, giuen, made, proclamed or prouyded at any tyme to the contrary notwithstanding. And furthermore, we wott and graunte that thyes oure Letters Patentys shall passe vnder oure Great Seale wythout Fyne or Fee, great or small, in oure Chauncery, to oure vse, or to thuse of oure Heyres, or yn the hanaper of oure sayed Chauncerye to be contented or payed for the same. That expresse mencyon of the true yerely value, or of any other value or certentye of the Premysses, or of any of them, or of any other Guiftes or Grauntes by vs, or by any of our Progenitours or Predecessours to the aforesayed Cristofer, Antony, and Peter, or any of them before thyes tymes made in thyes Presents ys not made, Or any Statute, Acte, Ordynaunce, Prouysyon or Restraynt thereof to the contrary before thyes times made,

made, ordeyned, or prouyded, or any o-ther thynge, cause, or matter whatso-euer yn any wyse notwythstanding. In wyt-nes whereof we haue caused thyes oure Let-ters to be made Patentys, Wytnes oure self at Westminster the xxv daye of August, the xxix yere of oure Reigne.

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THE PATENT OF King *JAMES* Concerning ARCHERIE.

JAMES by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defendor of the Faith, &c. To our truſtie and welbeloued the Lord Maior of our Citty of London for the tyme being, and to our righte truſty and right welbeloued Councellor Thomas Lord Elleſmere, Lord Chancellour of England, and to our righte truſtie and righte welbeloued Coſens and Councellors Thomas Earle of Dorſet, our high Treaſorer of England, Thomas

Thomas Earle of Suffolk, Chamberlaine of our Houshould, Charles Earle of Devonsheir, Master of our Ordinance, Robert Earle of Salisburie, our principall Secretary; And to our trustie and welbeloved Councellor Sir John Popham Knight, Chief Justice of the Pleas before vs to be holden assigned; And also to our trustie and welbeloved Sir Julius Ceasar, Sir Roger Wilbraham Knight, Masters of our Courte of Requests, Sir Edward Coke Knight, our Attorney Generall, Sir Thomas Challenor Knight, Sir John Egerton the younger, Knight, Sir Thomas Vavasor Knight, Marshall of our Houshould, Sir William Waade Knight, Lieftenaunt of our Tower of London, Sir Thomas Knyvett, Sir Stephen Soame, Sir Walter Cope, Sir Edmond Bowier, Sir Thomas Fowler, Sir Thomas Lake, Sir Henry Mountegue, Recorder of London, Sir George Coppin Clerk of our Crowne, Sir Thomas Windebanke, Sir Thomas Middleton, Sir Thomas Bennett, Sir Thomas Lowe, Sir Thomas Grymes, Knights, Nicholas Fuller, Nicholas Collyn, Toby Wood, Edward Vaughan, Hughe B[illegible], Esquiers, Thomas Thorney, Hughe Middleton, John Browne, Rowland Swarte, William Uxley, William Duncombe, Nicholas Askew, Edward Mellowes,

lowes, Edward Harveſt, Hughe Goddard, Michael Crowne, George Walter, James Trafforde, Francis Moſeley, Francis Medlicote, Henry Addys, Nicholas Parks, John Redman, John Giles, Richard Falſham, Thomas Wood, Michael Suſſen, Chriſtopher Potkin, Richard Huff, Roberte Harland, Nicholas Gonge, Paull Smithe, Robert Carr, Danyell Godfrey, John Skeyff, Thomas Gardiner, William Robinſon, Thomas Hughes, Randolph Fenton, Edward Roberts, John Baker, John Chambers, John Vauaſor, James Hodgeſon, Valentine Long, John Bendbowe, Chriſtopher Thacker, Nicholas Plunkett, William Hodges, John Reignolds, William Brownlowe, Jerrard Pettam, Marke White, William Smithe, John Tutt, George Haſtings, Chriſtopher Allington, William Biggs, Henry Ratcliff, Roger Aldredg, John Granett, George Budd, James Kenden, Chriſtopher Alliſone, Adam Iſlipp, and John Halloway, Gentlemen, Greeting; Albeit ſundry verie good and laudable Statutes, Ordinances, Proviſions and Proclamations heretofore have been had and made, aſwell by vs, as by our moſt noble Progenitors and Predeceſſors, for the mayntenaunce of Archery and Artillery within this our Realme of England, whereby the ſame being put in due execution in tymes paſt,

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hathe not onlie bredd and encreased a greate force and strength towards the mayntenaunce, defence, and safety of this our said Realme againste Forein Powers, but also a feare and terror to all other Realms and Forein Enemies in tymes of Warr and Hostility: Yet the same good Statutes, Ordynances, and Proclamations made by vs and our said noble Progenitors, cannot nowe so well take place as they ought, and haue done in tymes past, and specially about our Citty of London, by reason that diuerse and sundry persons, having about our said Citty of London diuerse Landes, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and seking to enclose the same, otherwise then hathe bine accustomed, to the advancement of their owne singuler benefitts and gaine, without respect of others Commoditie, haue pluckt away, and yet still do mind to pluck away from our lovinge Subiects, the necessarie and profitable Exercise of shooting in such Feilds and Closes, as tyme out of mynde, haue bine allowed to be shott in, aswell by making of such Bankes and Hedges, as also by plucking up of the oulde Marks of ancyent tyme standing in the said Closes; Insomuch that our said Subiects being in the common Feilds, and for diuersities and change of Markes, seeking to finde a Marke in the said Closes

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and seuerall Grounds, cannot by reason for the most parte, the Banckes and Hedges beinge made of such a height, as the Grounds of the said Closes or Feilds within the said Banckes; As also by reason that where the Bancke or Hedge beinge but of indifferent height, the Ditches be made so broad and deep, and wanting Bridges and other convenient Places to passe through and over the same, that our said Subiects, the Archers, vsing their Trade and Pastime, be very much hindered, lett, and discouraged therein, and often tymes in great perill and danger for lacke of convenient roomes and places to shoote in: And as we are credibly informed, by reason of the aforesaid Ditchinge, Hedginge, and Enclosures, it ys verie like there will grow a verie greate straight and want of roome about our said Citty of London, aswell for such as doe presently vse the said game of shooting, as also for those that shall hereafter exercise, vse, or occupie the said Game and Pastime, to the greate hinderance and decay, aswell of the said vse and exercise of shooting, as also of the said Statutes, Ordynances, Prouisions and Proclamations, and contrarie to the antyent Customes heretofore vsed about our said Citty of London, whereby might ensue to sundrie of our said Subiects occasi-

on to haunt and frequent some other kynde of vnlawfull Games (wherevnto there are to many inclined) which our meanynge ys, shalbe in no wise suffered. For avoydinge whereof, and for reformation of the foresaid inormityes, and of all such other as might hereafter growe, by reason of takinge away of the libertie and scope of ancyent tyme, accustomed to be had about our said Citty of London for Archers; And trusting to your approved Wisdomes, Fidelityes, and good Discrecions, We haue assigned and appointed you to be our Commissioners, and by theis Presents doe giue vnto you, and everie of you, and to the number of any sixe of you, full power and authoritie, not onlie to survey all such Groundes next adjoyning to our said Citty of London, and the Suburbs of the same, and within twoe miles compasse on any parte of our said Citty and Suburbes, as before haue bine accustomed, and vsed to haue had Markes in them for Archers to shoot at, or which any of our lovinge Subiects, or of our Auncestors, haue exercised themselves in shooting, and the same to reduce, or cause to be reduced to such order and estate for Archers, as they were in the beginnyng of the Raigne of the late Kinge of famous memorie, Kinge Henry the Eight; but also calling before you,

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or any sir of you, as well the Owner and Owners, Fermor and Fermors, and Occupiers of such Grounds about our Citty of London, In which, since the first yeare of the Raigne of the said Kinge Henry the Eight, have bine made any broad deep Ditches, highe Banck:s, and Quicksets or Hedges thereupon, beinge thought by you, or any sire of you, to be overthrown and made plain, or otherwise to be reformed; And also such and as many honest and lawfull men of our said Citty of London, or Countie of Middlesex, or either of them, whose disposition, knowledge, and experience in the Premisses, or any part thereof, you shall thinke good to understand and know, And you, and every of you, to examine, aswell upon their Oathes as otherwyse, touching the Premisses, as to the Wisdomes of you, or any sire of you, shall be thought most convenient; And upon the knowledge of the defalts and annoyances in the Premisses, or any parte thereof, Dure pleasure ys, and We give unto you, or any sire of you, full power and auctority by theis Presents, to cause the same to be, by the said Owner and Owners, Fermor and Fermors, or any Occupiers, at their own proper Costes and Charges, to be amended, reformed, altred and exchanged in such maner and forme, and within

such tyme, as to the Wisedomes and Discretions of you, or any sixe of you, shall be thought méete and convenyend, whome our pleasure and commandement ys, that whatsoever shalbe in and about the Premisses donn and executed by you, or any sixe of you, by vertue and auctthority of this our Commission, you cause the same firmely to be observed: Auctthorising you, or any sixe of you, further by theis Presents, That all such person or persons, being Owner or Owners, Fermor or Fermors, Occupier or Occupiers of the said Grounds, or any of them, as you, or any sixe of you, shall finde negligent, gaynsaying, rebelling, resisting, or any mean or way in any wise notwithstanding against you, or any sixe of you, in the due execution thereof, or not obeying your Orders or Decrées in the Premisses, to be had or made by vertue of theis Presents, That you, or any sixe of you, cause him or them offending, to be punithed or payned by Imprisonment, or otherwise by Fine and Amercement to our vse, as by your said Wisdomes shalbe thought requisite, vntill he or they shall conforme him or themselves to your Order in the Premisses. And for the better execution of this our said Commission and Auctthority to you given, We charge and command all Maiors, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Bayliffs,

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ſtables, and all other our Officers, Miniſters and Subiects, to be ayoing, helping and aſſiſting you, and everie of you, in the due execution thereof, as they will aunſwere to the contrarie. In witnes whereof we haue cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents, Witnes our ſelf at Weſtminſter the firſte Daie of February, in the thirde yeare of our Raigne of England, Fraunce and Ireland, and of Scotland the nine and thirtieth.

THE PATENT OF King *CHARLES* I. Concerning ARCHERIE.

CHARLES by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defendor of the Faith, &c. To our trusty and welbelovèd the Lord Mayor of the City of London for the time being, and to our trusty and right welbelovèd Counsellor Thomas Lord Coventry, Lord Keeper of our Great Seale of England, Richard Lord Weston, Lord high Treasurer of England, and to our right trusty and

welbeloved Colen and Counsellor, Philip Earle of Pembroke and Mountgomery, Lord Chamberlaine of our Houshold, and to our right trusty and welbeloved Cosin, Edward Earl of Norwich, and to our trusty and welbeloved, Henry Lord Levington, George Lord Goring, and to our right trusty and welbeloved, Sir Thomas Richardson Chief Justice of the Peace, and to our trusty and welbeloved Sir John Coke Knight, one of our principal Secretaries of State, before vs to be holden and assigned, Sir Robert Carr Knight, Gentleman of our Bed-chamber, Sir Henry Myldmay Knight, Master of our Jewels, Sir Thomas Alsbury Knight, one of our Masters of our Court of Request, Sir Robert Rich Knight, one of our Masters of our Court of Chancery, Sir William Balford Knight, Lieutenant of our Tower of London, Sir John Heydon Knight, Lieutenant Generall of our Ordnance, Edward Littleton Esquire, Recorder of our City of London, Sir Kenellyne Oysby, Sir Thomas Fowcler, Sir Henry Spiller, Sir Percivall Hart, Sir Henry Hart, Sir Leonard Harvy, Sir Edward Cane, Sir John Shatt, Sir Thomas Jarrat, Sir Hugh Hamersley Knights, Sir Robert Ducy Knight and Baronet, Thomas Moulsow and Samuel Cranmer, Aldermen of London,

don, Thomas Cary, Endymeon Porter, William Carr, George Longe, Richard Louder, Richard Gibbs, John Greene, William Williams, William Johnſon, Abraham Davies, John Jacobbs, George Fowler, John Harriſon, Nathaniel Bacon, Bulſtrod Whitlocke, Andrew Browne, Edward Hubbard, John Hartwell, John Plumber, William Wheeler, Ralph Wilbraham, James Glygorne, Thomas Gilborne, Samuel Armytage, Robert Robinſon Eſquires, Humfrey Edwards, John Wheeler, Nicholas Askwett, Will. Hodges, Rowland Wilſon, George Walker, Adam Iſlip, Tho. Naylor, John Taylor, Roger Haſſal, Edw. Wormall, William Bartlet, Joſ. Bradſhaw, John Elſton, William Kathrens, Anthony Blades, Nicholas Butler, William Parker, Hugh Edmonds, Jephry Smallman, Robert Budd, Thomas Bowyn, Francis King, William Addams, Francis Neve, John Hallywell, Robert Aſhwell, John Ellds, Richard Caucett, Tobyas Richardſon, Kelleway Gooydott, Richard Draper, John Hodges, William Lambe, Richard Butler, Thomas Hughs, Thomas Redding, John Powell, Peter Wright, Thomas Chapman, Thomas Chane, Thomas Ferris, George Low, William Williams, Alexander Tracye, Martyn Grymſton, John Baker, Henry Lee, Thomas Backſton, Edward Taylor, Nicholas Tench,

Tench, George Hull, John Staney, Samuel Baker, William Needs, John Powell, John Jefferson, Thomas Cooke, Robert West-Brooke, James Mason, Francis Gray, Anthony Lee, John Gover, Richard Yeame, Henry Shelsbery, Lanclet Hobson, Steaven Estweek, Cornelius Cooke, William Crofte, John Newgate and Andrew Holdsworth, Gentlemen, Greeting: Albeit sundry good and laudable Statutes, Ordinances, Provisions, and Proclamations heretofore have bin had and made, as well by Us as by our most Noble Progenitors and Predecessors, for the maintenance of Archerie and Artillery within this our Realme of England, whereby the same being put in due Execution in times past, hath not only bred and increased a great Force and Strength towards the maintenance, defence, and safety of this our said Realme against Forraine Enemies in time of Warr and Hostility; Yet the same good Statutes, Ordinances, and Proclamations made by us, and our Noble Progenitors, cannot now so well be executed as they ought and have done in times past, especially about our Citty of London, by reason that divers and sundry persons having about our Citty of London aforesaid, divers Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and seeking to inclose the same, otherwise then hath bin ac-

accustomed to the advancement of their own singuler profit and gaine, without respect of others Commodity, have pluckt away, and yet still doe minde to plucke away from our loving Subjects the necessarie and profitable Exercise of shooting in such Fields and Closes, as time out of mind have bin allowed to be shott in; as well by making of such Bankes and Hedges, as also by plucking up of old Markes of antient times standing in the same Closes: Insomuch that our said Subjects being in the common Fields, and for diversities and change of Markes, seeking to find a Marke in the said Closes, and several Grounds, cannot see the ground of the said Closes or Fields within the Bankes and Hedges, because they be made of so great height; and where the Bankes and Hedges be but of an indifferent height, the Ditches be made soe broade and deepe, and wanting of Bridges and other convenient places to pass through and over the same, that our said Subjects, the Archers, using the commendable Exercise and Pastime, be very much hindred, letted and discouraged therein, and often times in great danger and perill for lack of convenient roomes and places to shoote in. And as we be credibly informed, by reason of the aforesaid Ditchings, Hedg-

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ings and Inclosures, it is very like there will grow a great straight and want of roome about our Citty of London, as well for such as do presently use the said Exercise of shooting, as also for those that shall be hereafter exercised in the said Game and Pastime, to the great hindrance and decay of the said Use and Exercise of Shooting, contrary to the purpose and true meaning of the Statutes, Ordinances, Provisions and Proclamations, and contrary to the antient Customes heretofore used about the said Citty of London, whereby might ensue to sundry of our said Subjects, occation to haunte and frequent some other kind of unlawful Games, whereunto they be too much inclined, which our meaning is shalbe in no wise suffered: For the avoiding whereof, and for reformation of the foresaid Inormityes, and of all such as might hereafter grow, by reason of taking away the libertie and stop of antient time accustomed to be had about our said Citty of London for Archers, and trusting to your approved Wisdomes, Fidelities and good Discretions, We have assigned and appointed you to be our Commissioners, and by these Presents doe give unto you, and to everie or anie six or more of you, full power and authority, not only to survey

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all such Grounds next adjoyning to our said Citty of London, and the Suburbs of the same, as before have bin accustomed and used to have bin Marks in them for Archers to shoot at; or in the which anie of our loving Subjects, or the Subjects of anie of our Ancestors have exercized themselves in shooting, and the same to reduce, or cause to be reduced, to such order and state for Archers, as they were in the beginning of the Raigne of our late King James, our Father of blessed memorie, but also calling before you, or any six or more of you, as well the Owner and Owners, Farmer and Farmers, Occupier and Occupiers of such Grounds about our said Citty of London, in the which since the first year of the Raigne of the late King James have bin made broad deepe Ditches, high Banks, and Quickets or Hedges thereupon, being thought by you, or any six or more of you, to be overthrowne and made plaine, or otherwise to be reformed: And also such, and as manie lawfull and honest men of our said Citty of London, and County of Middlesex, or either of them, whose dispositions, knowledge and experience in the Premisses, or anie part thereof, you shall think good to understand and know, and them, and everie of them to examine, as well upon their Oathes as otherwise, touching the Premisses,

misses, as to the Wisdomes of you, or of every or anie sir or more of you, shall be thought more convenient: And upon the knowledge of the Defaults and Annoyances in the Premisses, or anie part thereof, Our pleasure is, and we do give unto you, or anie sir or more of you, full power and authoritie by these Presents, to cause the same by the said Owner, Farmer or Farmers, or any Occupiers, at their own proper Costs and Charges to be amended, reformed, altered and changed, in such manner and form, and within such time as to the wisdomes and discretions of you, or any sir or more of you, shall be thought meete and convenient, Whom our Pleasure and Commandment is, that whatsoever shall be in and about the Premisses done and executed by you, or any sir or more of you, by vertue and authoritie of this our Commission, you cause firmly to be observed: Authorizing you, or any sir or more of you, further by these Presents that all such persons, being Owner or Owners, Farmer or Farmers, Occupier or Occupiers of the said Grounds, or any of them, as you or any sir or more of you, shall find negligent, gainsaying, rebelling, resisting, or anie meane or anie way withstanding against you, or any sir or more of you, in the due execution thereof, or not obeying your Or-

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ders or Decrées in the Premisses, to be had or made by vertue of theise Presents, that you, or anie six or more of you, cause him or them offending to be punished as by your said Wisdomes shall be thought requisite, until he or they shall conforme themselves to your order in the Premisses. And for the better execution of this our Commission and Authoritie by you given, We charge and command all Maiors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bayliffs, Constables, and all other our Officers, Ministers and Subjects to be aiding, helping and assisting to you, and every one of you, in the due execution thereof, as they will answere the contrary. In witnes whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents, Witnes our self at Westminster the 20th day of December, in the Eighth yeare of our Raigne.

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REMEMBRANCE

Of the worthy

SHOW and SHOOTING

BY THE

DUKE of *SHOREDITCH*,

AND HIS

ASSOCIATES

THE

*W*orſhipful Citizens of *London*,

UPON

Tueſday the 17*th* of *September*, 1583.

Set forth according to the Truth thereof, to the everlaſting Honour of the Game of Shooting in the Long Bow.

By *W. M.*

London, Printed in the Year 1682.

To the Worthy

SHOREDITCH DUKE,

And his Two

NEPHEWS,

Sons to the

EARL of *PANCRIDGE*,

AND

To all the Worſhipful Citizens and Chief Archers of the City of *London:*

W. H. wiſheth continuance of Health, with Increaſe of Honour.

BOldly have I preſumed (*Right Worſhipful Members of this Honourable City*) to publiſh unto the Eyes of the World, your late

laudable Work, which not only beautified this City, but the whole Realm of England. *Rare was the Sight, great was the Coſt, yet greater your good Wills; the Report whereof will be in memory while* London *laſteth. Now ſeeing no man taketh in hand to deſcribe the ſame as it deſerved, and pitying greatly it ſhould lye hidden, I conſidered that blind Bayard oft times ſeemeth boldeſt, and thereupon my ſelf (though leaſt able of all other) have preſumed, under your Correction, to publiſh the Truth of what I noted in the Train: Therein purpoſing, that though to your own Ears it bringeth no matter of Delight, yet the Truth of this ſeemly Show (which Fame hath far ſpread abroad) may through this Realm be expreſſed; as alſo left in Remembrance unto your Childrens Children, and their Poſterity after them: Beſeeching therefore that your Wiſe-*

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domes would accept my good Will, for which I remain thankful during my Life.

Your Worships

In all Humility,

W. M.

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REMEMBRANCE

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BY THE

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THE Learned in time paſt have greatly commended the penning of Hiſtories, becauſe that by them their Poſterity is certifyed, what hath been done in the days of their Anceſtors;

the benefit whereof is greatly considered in the wisest of this Age, and I would it were unknown to none. Our Elders heretofore that have registred the great Battels and Skirmishes in times past, mention that the Long-Bow hath done great acts, and been the overthrow of mighty Armies: Wherefore considering what profit and honour our Commonwealth of *England* hath gained by the Long-Bow, I have thought convenient to set down in Memory that most honourable Show of Archers, which was at *London* on the Seventeenth of *September*, 1583. chiefly for two Causes: First, To exhort our Countrymen to continue at home this laudable Exercise, the better to discourage our Enemies when they haply hear thereof, that by so notable a thing shewed but in a Merriment, may the better conjecture what English men could do, if necessity compelled them to the same. Secondly, To follow the Custome of our Ancestors, which is, to leave Enrolled such Matter as is worthy Memory, that so good a Work might seem new in such our Successors, and procure them to the furtherance of the like Causes in themselves.

The Prince of famous Memory, King *Henry* the Eighth, having red in the Chronicles

nicles of *England*, and ſeen in his own time how armies mixed with good Archers, have evermore ſo galled the Enemy, that it hath been great cauſe of the Victory, he being one day at *Mile-end* when Prince *Arthur* and his Knights were there ſhooting, did greatly commend the Game, and allowed thereof, lauding them to their Encouragement.

This noble King at another time keeping a Princely Court at *Windſor*, cauſed ſundry Matches to be made concerning ſhooting in the Long-Bow: and to which came many principal Archers, who being in Game and the upſhoot given, as all men thought, there was one *Barlo* yet remaining to ſhoot, being one of the Kings Guard; to whom the King very graciouſly ſaid, Win them all and thou ſhalt be Duke over all Archers. This *Barlo* drew his Bow, and ſhooting won the beſt. Whereat the King greatly rejoiced, commending him for his good Archery; and for that this *Barlo* did dwell in *Shoreditch*, the King named him *Duke* of *Shoreditch*. (A ſign of a Princly mind to the encouragement of his poor ſubject.) The memory of all which, both by Prince *Arthur* and the Duke of *Shoreditch*, hath been greatly revived, and within theſe five years ſet forward

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at the great Coſt and Charges of ſundry chief Citizens, whoſe Names I omit. And now this preſent year 1583. much more beautified than ever it was, as hereafter is expreſſed. The worthy *Shoreditch* Duke, as Succeſſor to the former Dukes his Predeceſſors, gave warning to all his Marqueſſes, Earls and Barons, with all their Train of Archers whatſoever, in and about the City of *London*, to be in a readineſs to accompany him into the Field, every one with a Long-Bowe and four Shafts, upon the Seventeenth of *September*, and to meet him in *Smithfield*, which they did for the moſt part.

On which Day in the Morning, the Duke being at *Marchant-Taylors Hall*, there repaired unto him all thoſe that were appointed for the Conducting of his Perſon to the place of Meeting, as Barons, and a Multitude of good Archers under his own Enſign; who, with ſound of Trumpets, Drums, and other neceſſary Inſtruments for the beautifying of the ſame, paſſed along *Broadſtreet*, where the Duke dwelleth, marching through *Moorgate* to *Finsbury-Fields*, and from thence into *Smithfield*, where a great many attended for him: then the black Train, and the Goldſmiths went forward into *Holborn*, the Duke and his Com-

Company following in a seemly order; where coming against *Hatton-House*, the Goldsmiths staid, and cast themselves into Ranks, that the Duke might have fair passage between them: So that the Train being now marching along, and the Duke passing by the Marquess *Barlo*, alias *Covell*, he presented to his Nobleness a Wedge of Gold, in sign of good will, which the Duke very thankfully accepted; then came the black Train, offering by a Page a Speech to this effect, *That he was ready to aid him with all his Power, for his safety, into the Field:* Whereat the Page, out of a Box, flung abroad, glistering like Gold, certain Spangles, in sign of Liberality.

Then came the Marquess of *Clarkenwell* with Hunters, who having been abroad with their Hounds, did wind their Horns, so that the noise of them, together with the yelling and yelping of the Hounds, and the whooping and hollowing of their Pages which followed, there was such a delight taken by the hearers thereof, as is worth Memory; which Marquess coming with his Forester, profered his Service to the Duke, which he thankfully accepted; which Hunters were under the Earl of *Pancridge*, whose two Sons being Nephews to the Duke,

Duke, came with their power of Knights, Barons and Squires, accompanied with many good and excellent Archers, taking place, to the honour of the Duke, into the Field. Then the Goldsmiths took their place behind the Duke, whose Gunners, when the Duke was even past, gave a worthy Volley of Shot, which rung in the Air like a Thunder Clap; and so took place in the hindward. Then went all the Train through *Chancery-lane*, and turned towards *London* down *Fleetstreet*, until they came to *Ludgate*, where stood ready to receive them into the the City, certain Knights of great worship, with many other of the Aldermen of the City, and sundry principal Commoners in the same, who being men of years, and had born great good will to the laudable Game of Shooting, entred with fair large Arrows in their Hands, in black Gowns, Citizen-like, and took their place behind the Duke; and as they yet passed through *Pauls* Church-yard on the South-side, there came sundry Citizens forth unto them, all in their Gowns, and took place, every one having an Arrow, as before, to the better beautifying and setting forth of the same. Thus passed they through into *Cheapside*, who by that time they were come thither, all their Train was in place, & marched as followeth.

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First came two Ensigns before the Marshal of the Field, the Marshal being clad in green Velvet and Sattin, with a Trunchion in his hand: Then followed him forty Foresters, apparelled all in Green, every one bearing a Bow and four Shafts by their side, with horns at their backs, which they winded as they went along.

And between every one of them Pages in white Frocks girt unto them, upon which was sowed green Oaken Leaves, with Caps made in the same manner, every One bearing a Tiller-Bow or Cross-Bow, and broad Arrows in their hands, to the number of Forty, all whooping and hallowing when the Hunters did wind their Horns. Then came six Trumpets sounding, with Drums and Fifes, guarded with Halberds; then came the Marquess of *Islington* with 12 Knights, and those several had six Gentlemen attendant on them, and Pages in white Fustian with black Stripes, and Caps agreeable, bearing Shields, with a seemly show of Archers, wearing about their Necks and Bodies green Ribbons, and large green Scarfs. Next followed a fair, large, red Streamer, with the red Lion, with Halberds, Drums, & proper Pages in green, with Taffety Night-caps, bearing Shields & Shafts in their hands. Next five *Swattrutters* strangely apparalled

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led with great Hose down to the small of their Legs, with strange Caps agreeable, bearing on their Necks long Swords, which seemed very stearn in Countenance: Then followed five green men clad in Ivie, with Clubs on their Necks, which were young Trees, and the Roots upward; with a worthy Show of Bowmen, who for the most part wore Ribbons of coloured Orange Tawny, and Oringes hanging at them.

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Then came the residue of the Earl of *Pancridge's* Train in the Fore-front thereof; the two sons to the Earl of *Pancridge* (himself not present, but his cost and Charges in sign of a willing mind did largely appear,) with a worthy Company of excellent good Archers acompanied with Trumpets, Halberds Drums, Ensigns, and all other things necessary to the beautifying of the same to their great praise, for their large Liberalities, besides the great bountifulness of the Earl their Father.

Next following the Felowship and neer Neighbours of *Ludgate* parts; who at the Furtherance of this Show, had been at great cost in provision of Trumpets, Drums, Ensigns, Fifes, and other Furniture, the most part were Haberdashers of *London*; who

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who very orderly marched through the City of *London*, being ſumptuouſly apparelled in Velvet Jerkins, and Hats agreeable, with Chains of Gold about their Bodies, and Pages bearing their Shields of fine workmanſhip, and a worthy Train of good Archers wearing green Scarfes and Ribbons of the ſame colour. The ſhow of Feryers proceeded, which was One hundred handſome Fellowes with Calivers on their Necks, all trimly decked with white Feathers in their Hats; ſo had all their Company of Archers throughout: Then their Enſign and two Cardinals, wearing broad Hats of Tawny colour, with two ſilk ſtrings buttoned under their Chins, the ends hanging down to their feet, apparelled in red Velvet and Satten; next followed two Friers clothed in black Robes, with bald Crowns and Beads in their hands, ſeeming to pray very devoutly, and bleſſing them that paſſed by, cauſing great laughing and ſport.

Then came the whole Inhabitants following, beautifying the Show, very coſtly aparelled, with a Child in the midſt of them, mounted on a great Horſe richly trapped, ſounding a Trumpet, to the great wonder of many the beholders.

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Then followed the Citizens and Inhabitants of *Fleetbridge*, *Fleetstreet*, and *Templebar*, with a Show worth the beholding, of seemly Archers, all bravely apparelled in Silks and Chains, with their Ensigns, Drums, Trumpets, and such other Furniture. Then the odd Devise of Saint *Clements* Parish, which but ten days before had made the same Show in their own Parish, in setting up the Queens Majesties Stake in *Holborn fields*, which Stakemaster *Knevit*, one of the Gentlemen of her Majesties Chamber, gave unto them at his cost and Charges. And a Gunn worth three pound, made of Gold, to be given unto him that best deserved it by shooting in a Peece at the Mark which was set up on purpose at Saint *Iame's* Wall; whereby was to be seen the great good will of so bountiful and worshipful a Gentleman; who hath promised yearly, during his life, to give five shillings more to the same; the gift was given for a year to the Winner, and to the Parish for ever: The liberality of the right honorable Lords of the Nobility, their Bountifulness towards the feasting of the whole Parish also, is worthy remembrance. The maner of the Show was, first, Saint *Clement* wearing a Rochet and a Miter, having a long gray beard, rid upon a Horse, with his

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his man before him, between two hampers full of small white loves, giving of Bread unto the poor, or any that would have the same: having also twelve men following on foot in white Canvas Caps, and Canvas Frocks girt to them, with Baskets on their shoulders, waiting upon him, having a blew Anchor painted on their breasts and backs, finding it so registred of him in their Legendary, That S. *Clement* was first a Baker, who for his good wit and honest life, was made a Bishop, and after a Saint. After this Show came all the young men of S. *Clements* Parish, very well apparelled with Chains and some Scarfs; every one having his Page attending upon him in black Frocks, decked with Silver, with Caps agreeable with Edgings of white Furrs, very seemly, bearing Shields and Shafts, which before did carry the Guns of the Batchelors, when they went to set up the Stake, and to shoot for the gilded Gun. Next followed the ancient Housholders of the same Parish, with their Pages, having an Ensign, with Drums, and such other Furniture, with a worthy Show of Archers following.

Then came the Marques of *Hogsden* with a stately Ensign of red Crimson Damask, in the midst of the which Ensign there

was a Phenix in ſilver carried by two men on two Staves, with ſound of Trumpets and Drums; the Show beautified with Pages as before, Handſwords to make room, and Halberds to guide and keep them in order.

After them came the Marqueſs of *Shackelwell*, chief Treaſurer to the Duke, with his Men, every one with white and green Ribbons, and Badges in their Hats, before whom was carried a moſt fair and long Enſign of red Damask, in the which was the Golden Lion: After the Enſign followed two with Hand-ſwords, to make room, and then after them two Pages all in white Jackets, upon the which was painted with poudred Armour, and the one Page bare a Shield, on the which was painted a Well, on one ſide of the Well there was a a Leg, and on the other an Arm, both Arm and Leg ſhackled to the Well, and branches of Box ſpringing out of the ſame; the other Page a broad Arrow in his hand.

Next after this Company came the Maſter Comptroller of the Duke's Houſe with his Men, every man having a Bow and four Arrows as the reſt, and green Ribbons about their Necks.

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Then came a large Table, wherein was written a Deſcription of the benefit of the Shooting in the Long-Bow, and how ſhooting hath been decayed, and by whom reſtored; advertiſing men from all unlawful Games, as Dicing, Carding, Tipling in Alehouſes, and ſuch like, wiſhing to have the Exerciſe of Shooting to be had in uſe both by Maſters and Servants, to the ſtrength and commodity of this Realm, as alſo to the terror of all Forreign Enemies, beſides two Tables drawn with Inſcriptions of honeſt Exerciſe: Then came two fair Enſigns, white and black, with Whifflers in Chains of Gold, with white Staves, and Henchmen following them bearing Shields, every Shield painted with a ſeveral Deviſe; then came the Duke himſelf, going between two fine Pages bearing Shafts, the Duke bearing a Standard Arrow in his hand, and being apparalled in a long Gown, Citizen-like, with a Hat on his Head, agreeable to the order of the chief Commoners of the City; then after him followed Sir *Owen Hopton* Knight, Lieutenant of her Majeſties *Tower* of *London*, Sir *Rowland Hayward*, with other the Aldermen and Citizens of *London*, bearing Standard Arrows in their hands, with a ſeemly Company of Archers: Then came the

Earl of *Buckley* close with Master *Daye* at *Alderſgate*, with a Show of Marqueſſes and Barons, accompanied with many Knights of Archery, beautified with Trumpets, Drums, Enſigns, and Halberds, all the Archers wearing green Scarfs; the black Prince having twelve Knights, and a Troop of Barons following him in Chains of Gold very orderly, and between them Pages in green Jackets and green Taffety Night-caps, all dropped with Gold and Conceits of rare Device on their Shields.

Then laſt of his Train came the Baron *Stirrop*, whoſe coſtly Stake will be in memory after he is dead, now ſtanding at *Mile-end*. This Baron brought a ſeemly Show of good Archers, all with green Ribbons about their Neck, and Eſcocheons in their Caps with the gilded Stirrop, expreſſing the truth of his Name: Who, beſides his great Coſt and Charges in Feaſting of his Archers, did chuſe many good Ringers of his Neighbours, who in the Morning early did Ring at the chiefeſt Churches about *London*, for the honour of the Duke and his Company, feaſting them in moſt commendable manner for their pains, who in the going out of the Duke through the City, did alſo Ring the Bells in many chief Churches all the way

way he went, and likewiſe at his coming home, to their great pains and labour.

Laſt of all came the Goldſmiths, accompanied with ſome other Inhabitants in *Cheapſide* and elſewhere, that joyned with them in Company. The Invention of the Show was worthy noting: Firſt came Trumpets and Drums, with two Hand-ſwords playing, making room, with a fair beautified Enſign: Then the ancienteſt ſort firſt in Gowns and Hats, with every one a fair large Arrow in his hand, expreſſing the good will to the Long-Bow, and now being aged, do give over that laudable Game to their Sons and Servants, yet ſtill well-willers to the Action; and every one of them had his Page ſeemly cloathed in red Mandilians, ſtriped with ſilver, like broad Laces, and Caps of red Taffety, edged with white Furr; theſe carried their Shields of ſundry Deviſes, in the one of their hands, and an Arrow in the other hand: Then came a Ship ready rigged, carried Pagent-wiſe, and cunningly made to toſs and lean ſometimes on the one ſide, and ſometimes on the other, with a Sea-fiſh ready to over-throw the ſame, thruſting forth her Head, and plucking it in again, in the midſt of the Waves, and two Indians or Blackmores

Marque Barlo, as Cov was th chief in Forefro of the S ters.

to go near unto it: On the one end of the Ship ſtood the *Unicorne*, on the other end the *Maremaid*. The Ship ſeemed as though it had newly come from *India*, and by great travel and danger had brought home her burden, laden with Gold and Silver: Then followed the younger Men of their Train, and for the moſt part apparalled in Sattin Dublets, ſilk Hats, Chains of Gold about their Bodies, and ſilk Hoſe, with a Bow and four Shafts, and every one had his Page going before him in red Mandilians, as before mentioned, and Caps accordingly ſutable, ſome bearing Pickers, ſome Spades, and ſome Hammers, ſignifying as though they came from the *Indies*, and had thence, by great labour, brought home that Treaſure which the Ship carried: And others carried Wedges of Gold, and ſome of them Silver, which by Workmanſhip is made out of the ſame Earth that the Ship bringeth; and every one of theſe Pages had upon their Mandilions theſe Sentences written both before and behind;

Honeſt labour procureth health,
By honeſt labour men come to wealth.

Thus every one had his Page bearing theſe Tools, like Workmen by whoſe Labor many

many things are made out of Gold and Silver to the uſe of all men, and to the avoiding of Idleneſs. Then upon a Staff was borne in the midſt of the ſame Show, a Coronet, whereat hung three Arrows of Silver, very workmanly made; then followed a Conſort of broken Muſick, playing all the way, to the great delight of all the Beholders and Hearers of the ſame: And laſt of all an hundred Shot, being very ready and nimble to diſcharge, and theſe were well appointed with Powder. Thus went they along through *Cheapſide* up *Cornhill*, and turned by *Leaden-hall* to *Biſhopsgate*, where at the end of *Houndſditch* the Street was chained in, and there placed the Image of a monſtrous Giant, which in times paſt dwelt in that place, being ſtoutly defended with long Morrice-Pikes, Halberds, and Wheel Guns of great ſhot ready charged againſt the Duke's Gunners and Archers, who valiantly ſhot many Arrows into the Giant, and diſcharged their Calivers, which the Giants men would not put up, but ſhook their Spears, ſhot off their Pieces in ſhow to defend the Place, which ſince that Giant lived belonged to Prince *Arthur:* Thus for ſport on both ſides, the Trumpets ſounded, the Drums, ſtruk up, the Enſigns were tolled in ſeem-

ly sort, and the Fencers with Tansswords made room, beginning a Battel in seemly show, the Shot of the Goldsmiths discharged their shot so fast, and in good order, to the shaking of the Giants Fort, that hardly the People near hand, might know one another. Thus the Train passed to *Shoreditch* Church, and then turned down into *Hogsdon-fields*, into a fair large green Pasture Ground of goodly Compass, where a Tent was set up for the Duke and the chief Citizens, where, when they were come, they might sit to see the Shooters appointed to shoot at the Butt new set up for the same, being Sevenscore and eight yards from the other end of the Tent. The true number of Archers that shot, was Thirty hundred: The number that accompanied him into the Field, of Archers, Citizens, Whifflers, and those which guarded them with Bills, was Forty and one hundred and odd Persons, besides Pages and Henchmen, which was in number Three hundred and odd. The Attire worn by all this Company (for the most part) was very gorgeous; some in black Velvet Jerkins, Dublets of Satten, with Hats of Velvet; the most part in Satten and Taffety, and Hats of Taffety, a great many wearing Chains of Gold. The true number

ber of Chains of Gold worn among the Company, that I saw, was Nine hundred forty two; the rest of the Company did all wear green large Skarfs, some white Scarfs, othersome green Ribbons, Oringe tawny Ribbons, some black and white, green and white, but the most part was green.

Before they came to the Tent, the Train marched about the Field in Warlike manner, and forthwith cast themselves about and broke their Ray, every one hasting to the Tent where the Duke purposed to begin shooting. Then every Ensign brought in his Archers, and there with sound of Trumpet proclaimed by the Herauld, That every man should avoid Forty foot from each side of the Butt; otherwise to stand to their own perils. Thus went they to shooting, where by then three Ensigns had shot, which was about three of the Clock; word was brought to the Duke, That certain of Prince *Arthur's* Knights was coming into the Field, desirous to speak with his Nobleness; having answer that they should be entertained courteously. Forthwith the Goldsmiths made forth to meet them, staying at their own Stake against their coming, who anon came, and then the Goldsmiths Ensign, and some of their Pages very orderly, with

with ſome of the Archers in Chains of Gold, went and met theſe courteous Knights, mounted upon ſtately Palfreys, with ten Pages alſo on Horsback, and Iriſh Lackies with Darts running by their Horſes on foot, beſides a Trumpeter, a Herauld, and a Meſſenger, upon good Geldings: The Knights were apparelled in Cloth of Tiſſue, or Crimſon Silk and Gold; their Pages in green Silk; having likewiſe a ſeemly Company of Archers very richly apparelled in Sattin Dublets and Chains of Gold, to the number of Two hundred, attending on Foot, half going before, the reſidue coming behind. (A worthy Show beſeeming ſo noble a Game). Thus with great reverence they came near to the Tent, the Meſſenger clad in a Jacket of black Velvet, with a black Velvet Cap, and green Sattin Dublet; pronounced an Oration to the Duke, the Copy thereof followeth.

Moſt noble Duke, firſt to your good ſelf and next unto all your worthy Society and Company in general; I in the behalf of the moſt noble and renowned Prince Arthur, *and all his noble Knights, gratifie you (and yours) with the choice of a thouſand commendations:* Fame *blowing abroad, and in the Court of the Noble Prince* Arthur

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that this day (in this place) should be practized the most excellent quality of shooting in the Long-Bow. Which news were no sooner blazed in that most Royall Court, but by the consent of their renowned Prince, these noble Knights mounted themselves on Horseback, (calling to mind) the great courtesie they received of your Nobleness, at the late Royal Show of their famous Prince. For requital of which your great Friendship, this Troop of noble Knights (for the honor they owe to the Long-Bow) are repaired hither to present unto your Nobleness a friendly Gift; which is, five Bows of Gold, and five Silver Arrows; requiring your Nobleness to bestow them on five of the most valiant, most active, and most expert of all your Train, in shooting in the Long-Bow, requesting (friendly) we may presently see the delivery of them to those persons most worthy: hoping you will accept these their friendly Gifts, springing from well willing minds, loth to hinder your worthy exercise, we omit for expence of time, that which else more largely should have been discoursed. These actions being finished (we presume of your courtesie) we shall depart friendly, alwaies wishing the prosperous success of your worthy Exercise.

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The Duke with hearty thanks accepted these their presents, promising with great protestation to match the Prince every way in good will and curtesie, wishing that this their amity might long continue.

Then the Knights departed with great grief to the Duke, because he had provided a Bankquet for them, which could not be served in by reason of the unrulines and throng of the People.

The Marques *Barlo* chief of the Goldsmiths, to gratify them with some Show of curtesie, bestowed on them to Jugots or Wedges, one of Gold the other of Silver, and after did conduct them into their own liberties with a Volley of shot, which they very thankfully accepted.

And this one thing is worthy of memory, that upon the day of Prince *Arthur's* shooting, which was five weeks before this Show, The Duke willing to beautifie the same in some seemly sort, sent a Buck of that season by the Marques *Barlo*, accompanied with many Goldsmiths; who coming in Satten Dublets and Chains of Gold about their Bodies, with Horns at their backs, did all the way wind their Horns, and presented

ſented the ſame to Prince *Arthur*, who was at his Tent, which was at *Mile-end-green*; he not only accepted the ſame, but alſo promiſed to have the Dukes curteſie in mind if God lent him life.

Having now digreſſed in brief, I will return to the Duke, who ſeeing the night draw on, broke up the ſhooting untill the next day, which was Wedneſday, where they all met again to try who could depart Victors of thoſe Games then to bee won. Which were in value as followeth; The firſt Fifty three ſhillings four pence, the ſecond five nobles, the third four nobles, the fourth Twenty ſhillings, and the fifth ten ſhillings. Thus every one having one ſhot at the But, the beſt five were young men; four of the beſt Games did the Earl of *Pankridge's* men win; the fifth one of the Dukes men did get. The beſt and the ſecond were won by two of S. *Dunſtans* in the Eaſt; the beſt was a Skinners man, the ſecond a Brewers man, and he that won the firſt did dwell in S. *Brides* Pariſh, being a Sadlers Son, all which three were brought home in this manner. Firſt, for that it was dark, they were brought out of the Field with Torch lights to the number of two hundred, and the Winners mounted upon great Geldings, ſent

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to them from out of thoſe parts where they dwelled, very ſumptuouſly trapped with cloth of Silk, and Silver, and another of Gold, with eight Trumpets Drums and Enſigns, with ſhot which came from *Fleet-ſtreet* to fetch them home: and others with Halbards ſafely to conduct them, they all three were clad in green; the firſt in green Taffety, with a white Scarf about his Body, and a great Chain of Gold about his neck, with a Cap of Velvet, and a golden Band about the ſame, bearing an Arrow in his hand, and a green Ribbon hanging thereat; And ſo had they all: To their great laud and honour were they conducted firſt into *Grubſtreet*, then entred the City at *Cripplegate*, down *Wood-ſtreet*, and ſo into *Cheapſide*, continual ſhot was beſtowed to bring them home, to the great delight of the beholders: Thus marching through *Paul's* Churchyard, they went to *Ludgate*, and ſo home, where their Trains was very thankfully received: Againſt they came home there was prepared great Banquets by their Maſters and Parents, to the great delight of that Pariſh where they dwelled, who would not for mony have loſt the honor of the ſame.

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Then did the Marqueſs *Barlo* with all the Goldſmiths and his convoy of men at Arms ſafe conduct the Duke home to his houſe, appointing one *Jeffery Gates* an ancient Servitor to them, to be the Leader, who marched in the forward untill they came to the Duke's houſe, where the Duke was no ſooner entred his houſe, and the Marqueſs together, with the chief of the Train, but the Harquebuſſers, at the appointment of *Gates*, charged their peeces, and forthwith did beſtow ſuch a Volley of ſhot, as cauſed the Glaſs to ſhake forth of the Glaſs windows; to the honour of the Duke, and the good liking of them all.

Norrich Savage both no table f ſhot in Train.

Then every Baron and the whole Company of Governors were brought home to their joy and comfort, making good chear, ſhooting off their Peeces, ſounding of Trumpets, and ſtriking up of their Drums to delight and comfort.

Thus have I (as perfectly as I may) deſcribed the manner of the ſame, reporting the truth of what I ſaw. Then on the Monday following, the Duke had provided a ſumptuous Feaſt, to which all the Archers came, being kept at the Biſhop of *Londons* Pallace, who for the good will he

he bore to ſhooting, lent them his houſe freely, wiſhing that it might be as commodious to them, as the Show and Sight, for proviſion of ſo many Citizens in his houſe was comfortable to him. And for fear of diſorder, there was unto every Archer given a token ſtamped with a Broad Arrow, who at the gate of the Biſhops Pallace, delivered them to thoſe they were appointed to receive them.

Which done, every man (for the moſt part having Ribbons about their necks) went to thoſe Tables, which by good foreſight were provided for them, every man taking his place vntill the Service was brought in, the Tables furniſhed before with Table-clothes, Salt Bread, and trenchers: The great Hall of the Pallace was filled, and over the heads of the People hung the moſt ſumptuous Enſigns, under which they were before conducted to the field. There might a man behold the great proviſion of meat, the Cooks in ſuch good order dreſſing the ſame in quiet ſort as was worthy noting. And when the ſervice of meat was brought in, the Trumpets ſounded, the Drums ſtruck up, and every man in very good order placed to their contentment, ſo that the great Hall, the

the largeſt Parlor, the Galleries, and other Rooms in the Houſe were filled with People, who with great rejoycing gave thanks to God for his providence and bleſſings, many wayes beſtowed on them. Then was there ſerved into one large Table, which was the higheſt Table in the great Hall, boyled Capon, roſted Beef, Veniſon Paſties, Cuſtard, Tart, roſted Capon and Rabbets, with other Diſhes neceſſary for the time, with Wine, Beer, and Ale, and ever was repleniſhed with ſufficient thereof to their contentation.

The reſt of the Tables had this ſervice to every' Meſs. Firſt boil'd Mutton, roſted Beef, a Paſty of Veniſon, and a roſted Capon, and ſome had Rabbets, beſides Beer and Ale which was ſufficient, every Meſs had a Bottle of Wine ſerved in a Bottel unto the ſame: There were three hundred Meſſes of Meat ſerved in, to the great joy and comfort of thoſe that were there, being ſerved in ſuch good order as is laudable. When the Meat was ſerved in; every man familiarly drunk one to another, and then the Duke very reverently drank to them all, whereat the Trumpets ſounded, the People hollowed, the Drums ſtruck up, and ſuch a noiſe was made that it was heard

far off. Then the Duke with ſome of his Knights and Gentlemen, went about the whole Houſe and viſited every Table, with Drum and Fife, to the well liking of them all, ſo that with much melody they came in again into the great Hall, giving thanks to the whole Company. Then ſundry times the Trumpets ſounded, the Drums ſtruck up, and the Company drank to the Duke, paſſing away the time untill Dinner was ended. Then another Company did wind their Horns, which in good order of meaſures they did. The People by this time beginning to depart, the Duke cauſed the Herald to ſtand up and make a proclamation, that the people might be ſilent; which done, he pronounced in ſhort ſentence, a thankſgiving to God for our gracious Queen, deſiring God to ſend her long Life and Victory over all her enemies; whereat the People cried Amen; lifting up their Caps, heaving up the Tables over their Heads, in ſign of joy of her Majeſty, whereat the Trumpets ſounded, the Company hollowed and ſhowted. Laſt of all they praiſed God and ſo departed; giving the remnant of the broken Meat to the poor and needy, of which company a number gave diligent attendance for the ſame at the

the great Gate. (A charitable deed in the knitting up of ſo honorable a matter.) Thus they declared their courteſies one to another, to the maintenance of Chriſtian unity, which I pray God long continue, that this her Majeſties Realm of *England* may be kept ſtill in Peace and Tranquility, to the maintenance of Gods Glory, the Fame and perpetual renown of of her Majeſty; whoſe life, the God and giver of all life, prolong, that our lives which depend upon Hers, may the better be preſerved and continued. *Amen.*

A BRIEF

DESCRIPTION

OF THE

SHOW

MADE AT

S. *Martins* in the Fields,

In ſetting up Her

MAJESTIES STAKE.

ON *Wedneſday*, being the Second day of *October* laſt paſt, ſtanding at a Stall in the *Old Baily*, I heard the ſound of Drums and Guns, and drawing near to ſee it, there came Whifflers with

Staves, red and white, with a luſtie Company of good Archers, very well and ſeemly apparelled, bearing Bows and Shafts; every Archer his Page, clothed in red Mandillian, ſtriped with ſilver, and Caps agreeable to the ſame. There came in number Two hundred Bowmen, mixed with Two hundred Calivers, beſides Holbards, to beautifie the Show, mixed throughout. The Gunners were expert fellows, diſcharging their ſhot in very good order: All this Train going under ſundry fair Enſigns. Forthwith the Trumpets ſounded, and a very fair Show followed. Firſt men very ſtrangely apparelled in long hairy Garments, made of Skins like unto Martens, hopping and skipping along as they went: Then came two Horſemen harniſhed, their Horſes all over trapped in white ſilk: Then came a very ſumptuous Stake, being the Queens Majeſties, which they went to ſet up in S. *James* Field; upon this Stake ſtood a golden Lion holding a Shield with her Majeſties Arms, the ſupporters whereof were *Fortitude*, *Juſtice*, *Temperance*, and *Prudence*, the Lion having a whole Crown on his head. Then came a ſeemly Pagent, very cunningly made and with great coſt, wherein ſat the Gods; firſt *Pan*, with *Fame* and *Honour*, attending

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on Vertue; then Saint *Martin*, and *Eliza*, as ſuperior, accompanied with the four Vertues, the Muſes attending very ſeemly with Muſick playing before the Pagent. Thus they paſſed very orderly through *Holborn* to *Chancery-Lane*, and ſo to S. *James's* in the Fields: In the Train was carried three ſilver Games, as reward for the Winners of ſhooting in the Long-Bow, and a gilded Gun, as a reward unto the beſt that could handle their Peece. (Both Exerciſes of great ſtrength unto this Realm.) They uſed many ſpeeches in their Train as they went. And at night were brought home very worthily with Fire-works, which greatly beautified the ſame. To conclude, never ſaw I a fairer ſight, upon ſuch a ſuddain, which being worthy of commendation, I thought good to note the principal things therein, that it might remain in memory to their continual praiſe.

A BRIEF

RELATION

Of the ſeveral

APPEARANCES

OF

ARCHERS

Since His

Majeſties Reſtauration.

ON *March* the 21ſt. *Anno Domini* 1661. Four hundred Archers, with their Bows and Arrows, made a ſplendid and glorious Show in *Hide-Park*, with flying Colours, and Croſs-bows to guard them. Sir *Gilbert Talbot* Baronet, was

was their Colonel, Sir *Edward Hungerford*, Knight of the *Bath*, their Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. *Downe* was their Major. Great was the appearance both of the Nobility, Gentry, and Commonalty: Several of the Archers Shot near Twenty score yards within the compass of a Hat with their Cross-bows; and many of them, to the amazement of the Spectators, hit the Mark; There were likewise three Showers of Whistling Arrows. So great was the delight, and so pleasing the Exercise, that three Regiments of Foot laid down their Arms to come to see it.

Yet as delightful as it then was, this Exercise was intermitted by some unlucky negligent Fate, from the Yeare 1601. till 1675. and then indeed they began to String their Bows and handle their Arrows for a handsome appearance to complement Sir *Robert Vyner*, then Lord Mayor: Their Randezvouz was in the upper *Moor-fields*: There, about Three hundred and fifty most richly habited, were drawn up in a Body; From thence they marched through *Moorgate*, through *Cripleghte*, and through *Woodstreet* into *Cheapside*; then they past by the north side of Saint *Pauls*, and marched round it into *Cheapside* again, and so to *Guild-hall*, where they waited to receive the King's most Excellent Majesty,

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and the then Lord Mayor. When the King had past by (who seemed highly pleas'd with the sight of so many Archers) then they march'd to *Christ-Church*, where a very noble Dinner was prepared for them at the expence of the Lord Mayor: Sir *Robert Payton* Knight, was their Leader, and Mr. *Michael Arnold* was there bringer up, they marched under one Colour, Six men with Cross-bows being appointed to guard it: All the Officers had green Scarfs, and Every Bow-man wore a green Ribbon. There was not any thing more material to be mention'd in that days march.

Upon the 26th of *May* following, the Archers marched to *Tuttle-feilds* to Shoot their Whistling-Arrowes. They Randezvouz'd in the *Military-Ground* near *Bloomsbury*, and march't from thence through part of *Holbourn*, through *Chancery-Lane*, through *Temple-barr*, and so through the *Strand* to *Whitehall*. There were Six abreast; yet when the Van reach'd *Whitehall*, the Rear had not past through *Temple-barr*, so numerous were the Archers then; from *Whitehall* directly to *Tuttlefeilds* aforesaid. When they were drawn up in a Line, then came the King with his Guard and Coaches of State, together with His Royal Highness, the Duke of *York*, the Duke of *Monmouth*, and most

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of the Nobility attending him; to see them Shoot His Majesty march'd twice or thrice from one end of the body to the other to view them. The Archers were in number near a Thousand; the Spectators near Twenty thousand It was a great encouragement, and a mighty joy and satisfaction to the Archers to see the King behold them with such a Serene, Benign, Cheerfull, Princely and Favourable Countenance: His Majesty was pleased to stay an hour or two to look on, whilst they shot several Showers of Whistling-Arrowes to entertain him, with which his Majesty, and the Nobility, seem'd very much satisfi'd: Then the King was pleased to return to *Whitehall*: And then Sir *Gilbert Talbot* sent in several Barrels of Beer, and other Provision for the Archers; so did Sir *Edward Hungerford*, Sir *Robert Peyton*, and the rest of the Captains; After they had refresh'd themselves, then they marched home with Drums beating, and Colours flying. Sir *Gilbert Talbot* being the Colonel, Sir *Robert Peyton* Lieutenant Colonel, and *Michael Arnold* Major.

In the Year 1676. on St. *Simon* and *Jude's* day, Sir *Ioseph Sheldon* being Elected Lord Mayor, about 350 Archers march'd under the Command of Sir *Robert Peyton*

Peyton Knight; they Randezvouzd in the upper *Moor-feilds*, and march'd as before mentioned in the time of Sir *Robert Vyner's* Maioralty, and were in the self same manner plac'd to receive the King and Queen, the Nobility and Gentry, who came to Honour the Lord Mayor with their presence at Dinner at the *Guild-Hall*: When his Majesty was past by, then they march'd to *Christ-Church* to Dinner. Amongst the variety of Sights, none seemed to give his Majesty more content and delight, more pleasure and satisfaction, than to see the Bows and Arrows, these Ancient Habiliments of warr reviv'd.

On the 14th day of *July*, 1681. the Archers march'd from *London* to *Hampton-Court*, under the Command of Mr. *Edwards* and Mr. *Henry Warren:* That was a Day appointed to Shoot for Several Pieces of Plate, worth Thirty pounds, at Eightscore yards distance. After a little time was spent, the King was pleased to honour them with his Presence, and Stay'd near Two hours to behold their Pastime, to the great joy, satisfaction, and honour of the Archers: And as though this had not been honour enough, so full of Goodness and Clemency was his Majesty, that he permitted as many of them as pleased

ed to kiss his Hand, in token of his being well satisfi'd with that Heroick Exercise. The Prizes were two Silver Cups, and three dozen of Silver Spoons. The said Target was placed upon a Butt, erected on the Green, before the Kings Palace there; but it rained so fast that the King was forc'd to retire before all the Prizes were won, which were Thirty in number; He stayed till six were won, and expresst his satisfaction very much; and without all question the Archers may reasonably hope for what favour they can humbly beg for the encouragement of Archery from this King, and it will be granted with as much readiness as by any of his Royall Ancestors in the like case whatsoever heretofore; for no King, unless his glorious Father, could ever match his goodness.

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ON *Friday* the 21st. of *April*, 1682. the Archers met in the *Artillery-Ground*, marching through *Cornhill*, *Fleetstreet*, and the *Strand* to *Tuttlefields*. The chief Officers were Sir *Edward Hungerford* Knight of the *Bath*, Colonel, Mr. *Michael Arnold* Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. *John Mould* Major, Mr. *Henry Warren* Captain Lieutenant, Mr. *Edward Done*, Mr. *George Walker*, Mr. *James Manley*, Captains. The King's most Excellent Majesty, his Royal Highness, and most of the Nobility, were so favourable as to Honour them with their Presence; as likewise the Ambassador of the Emperor of the Kingdom of *Morocco* and *Fez*: There were at least a Thousand Archers in the Field; for now Gentlemen begin to be affected with the Divertisement, and pleased

fed with this Manly Recreation: There were Three Showres of Whistling Arrows; such a Sight, such a Noyse, and such an Appearance, it's presumed was never seen in *England* on the like Occasion; yet we hope that every year will beget new Lovers of this profitable and harmless Exercise, for they are now resolv'd, at least once or twice a year to make such a Publick Appearance, if His Majesty will be pleased to permit them.

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